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FASTENING TO AN UPRIGHT, AND A CORRESPONDING MOTOR VEHICLE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments indicated herein be made to the above-identified patent application prior to calculating the fees and examination on the merits.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this Preliminary Amendment.